

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held July 7th, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Tom Dunn, Business Manager and Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to FF/EMA Peter M. Zarriello the Town's newest member of the Fire Department. Arkasha Ougheltree, a local youth pinned Firefighter Zarriello with his department badge then joined all who were in attendance in congratulating our newest Firefighter.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the June 23, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes.**

**Announcements:**

**1) An update has been given by Senator Lou DiPalma on his attempt to secure RI Department of Transportation assistance with the damaged drainage pipe across Sakonnet Point Road:**

- The design work, which was completed by an outside firm, has been**

received at RIDOT

- RIDOT is reviewing the plans.
- The plans, upon completion of review, will go to CRMC for review and approval, which is expected within 2 weeks. Since it's a replacement, a quick review and approval are expected.

Councilor Mataronas expressed caution with the anticipated turn around time for the review as the Town has been seeking State approval for approximately two (2) years now. Richard S. Humphrey recused himself from discussion on the Sakonnet Point Road matter.

2) RI Department of Transportation is presently working on repairs to Colebrook Road.

3) Councilor Mushen acknowledged the attendance of Representative Daniel Gordon at this evenings meeting.

4) Firework's donation containers have been supplied by a local resident to be placed throughout the town. All are encouraged to assist in supporting this years Firework's display scheduled for August 6th.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Building Official's Department Head Reports for April and May of 2011.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for June 2011.

**A successful drill of the Medical Emergency Distribution Plan was conducted on June 29th. Councilor Mushen expressed his gratitude for all who participated and coordinated the day's events. The RI Dept. of Health observer was pleased with the results of our drill. It is the opinion of Councilor Mushen that should an emergency arise the town will be well prepared to respond.**

**Councilor Mushen noted that the legislation proposed before the General Assembly regarding Zoning lot sizes and conservation development did not receive a hearing in this most recent session. The proposed bills have been "set aside" but could possibly be reconsidered when the General Assembly meets again for the fall session. He has been informed that local citizens have written their legislative representatives strongly opposing the proposal for a State mandate to allow 40,000 sq. ft. lots. It seems that the conservation development proposed locally and the proposal submitted to the General Assembly are two different approaches to conservation. Rep. Gordon confirmed the bills could be considered during the fall session.**

**Councilor Mataronas still wishes to attempt a single conservation development project to see how that affects zoning. He also stated that he is still interested in scheduling a public hearing sometime this summer. After a brief consideration of an available evening to schedule a public hearing the following was voted:**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To convene on August 11, 2011 beginning at 7 PM for the purpose of conducting an Informational Hearing to receive public comments on the conservation development ordinance proposed by the Planning Board. The advertisement shall be clear to note that no votes on the subject will be taken upon the conclusion of the hearing on the 11th of August.**

**Councilor Mushen gave a brief update on the status of the school renovation project proposal. RI Dept. of Education has been given a moratorium by the General Assembly on funding for new school projects. RIDE has proposed an alternative which would allow funding for health or safety related projects, and the General Assembly has indicated possible support for this alternative. The Building Committee is attempting to determine which items of the project meet these criteria. The Councilors were reminded of the determination made by the State Fire Marshal that the school may not open if the cafeteria egress matter has not been resolved. Councilor Mushen suggested a vote be taken to strongly encourage the school to complete the cafeteria work and the known leaking roof problems. Representative Gordon asked if the well water situation should be included within any proposed vote. He was informed that the well itself does not pose a problem and that a warning system is being installed by alarming at an acceptable level to alert the janitorial staff**

**to investigate for leaks or running toilets.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To respectfully request that the Little Compton School Committee address and rectify (with an eye towards obtaining monetary re-imbursement from the State of Rhode Island) the two (2) most pressing needs now facing the Little Compton School physical plant, to wit:**

- 1) Egress from the School Cafeteria; and**
- 2) The leaking roofs (2).**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): Based on the recommendation of the Fire Chief the Town Council hereby sets a rate of pay for part time fire fighters at \$15.00 per hour for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve the final summarization of transfers and budget adjustments to FY2011 and to authorize transfer of funds from the cell tower fund to the reserve fund to cover reserve fund expenses listed as follows:**

**1. Transfer \$40,231 from the Reserve Fund to the following strokes:**

- \* Town Hall \$3,995 Heating Fuel**
- \* Town Auditor \$1,234 Audit Fees**
- \* Public Safety Complex \$6,291 Heating Fuel**
- \* Highway Department \$26,088 Sand, Flood Damage**
- \* Maintenance Department \$2,623 Heating Fuel**

**2. Transfer \$9,728 within the Maintenance Department from the Transfer Station stroke to the Maintenance Department stroke to cover the shortfall, caused primarily by salaries for part-time employees.**

**3. Reclassify \$23,481 of Fire Department expenses to the Ambulance Reimbursement Fund to more appropriately reflect purpose:**

- \* Vehicle Fuel \$12,175**
- \* NFPA \$3,448**
- \* Vehicle Maintenance \$7,858**

**4. Transfer \$6,346 within the Police Department from the Police Department stroke to the Public Safety Dispatchers stroke to cover the shortfall, caused primarily by overtime costs.**

**5. Charge \$40,273 to the contingency stroke (balance \$40,277) to cover budget shortfalls in the following strokes:**

- \* Town Council \$1,399**
- \* Insurance \$2,485**

- \* Town Hall \$7,260
- \* Leonard Corrao \$ 8
- \* Town Auditor \$7,615
- \* Budget Committee \$ 194
- \* Computer/Tech \$5,456
- \* Public Safety Complex \$4,962
- \* Fire Department \$3,921
- \* Tree Warden \$3,708
- \* Street Lights \$ 550
- \* Civic Recreation \$1,453
- \* Meeting Hall \$ 802
- \* Student Assistant Counselor \$ 460

**6. Other transfers as follows:**

- \* Transfer \$1,000 Record Vault Expansion stroke to the Record Vault Fund
- \* Transfer \$10,000 Revaluation stroke to the Revaluation Fund
- \* Transfer \$15,000 from the Capital Expenditure stroke to the Capital Fund
- \* Reclassify \$72,694 in Capital Expenditures to the Capital Fund

Discussion of the subject of trash on town roadways will be set for the July 21, 2011 meeting. Councilor Mushen was not able to successfully meet with Rob Marra and Sandra Farr.

Councilor Mushen wishes to consider creating a position entitled

**“Road Supervisor” who would be directly supervised by the Director of Public Works/Highway Supervisor. Presently the Building Official serves as the Highway Supervisor and by default the Director of Public Works. It is Councilor Mushens intent to structure the department to function more efficiently. He would like to solicit input from individuals on how they perceive the position to function, i.e. employee of the town, sublet contracting, part-time, full-time etc. He listed the following areas as potential responsibilities of the Road Supervisor:**

- 1) Supervise roadway resurfacing**
- 2) Supervise roadway mowing**
- 3) Supervise maintenance of town swales**
- 4) Supervise replacement of pipes across town roads**
- 5) Supervise snow removal from town roads**
- 6) Supervise sanding of town roads**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise to request proposals for the position of Road Supervisor.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept with regret a resignation received from Michael Hudner as a member of the Harbor Commission representing the Sakonnet Point Marina Association and**



**to express the Towns gratitude for his service. Additionally, upon confirmation of accuracy the Town shall also congratulate Mr. Hudner on his recent appointment to the RI Coastal Resources Management Council. (Clerk's notation: Appointment confirmed through Donald Gomez, CRMC member)**

**At 7:43 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To grant a Class F-1 one day Beverage License to the Little Compton Game Club for a Lobsterfest Dinner to be held on July 24, 2011 at the John Dyer Road facility.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant two (2) licenses to Manchester & Harrington to haul refuse to the Town Transfer Station for vehicles in excess of 4,000 lbs.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:**

- 1. Letter updating the latest enhancements to the Hardest Hit Fund RI. The updated flyer has been posted on the public bulletin board in the Town Hall replacing the previously existing flyer on this subject.**
- 2. Copy of a resolution opposing binding arbitration on monetary matters for schools adopted by the Gloucester School Committee**
- 3. Copy of a resolution opposing contract continuation of existing teacher collective bargaining agreements as adopted by the Gloucester School Committee**
- 4. Copy of a resolution opposing contract continuation of existing teacher collective bargaining agreements as adopted by the West Warwick School Committee**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$16,443.97**

**Laura A Rom - Planning Board \$42.00**

**Laura A Rom - Zoning Board \$49.00**

**Laura A Rom - Building Official \$280.00**

**Cindy Sheldon - Tree Committee refund \$182.08**

**Denise M Cosgrove - Assessors \$49.47**

**Everlasting Design - computer \$60.00**

**KTR Maintenance - Public Safety Complex \$960.00**

**KTR Maintenance - Town Hall \$45.32**

**Goldsteins Lawn & Farm Inc - Maintenance    \$13.69**

**Anita Couto - Canvassing    \$31.62**

**Vision Appraisal Opalworks - computer    \$6,510.00**

**Staples - Fire Dept.    \$127.93**

**NEAFC Inc. - Fire Dept.    \$192.00**

**KTR Maintenance - Fire Dept.    \$34.94**

**Countryside Signs - Fire Dept.    \$120.00**

**Countryside Signs - Fire Dept.    \$130.00**

**The Hose Connection - Fire Dept.    \$7.64**

**Boundtree Medical - Fire Dept.    \$715.39**

**Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept.    \$182.50**

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**Boundtree Medical - Fire Dept.    \$32.30**

**Boundtree Medical - Fire Dept.    \$88.50**

**Life Raft & Survival Equip - Fire Dept.    \$822.00**

**Information Management Corp. - Fire Dept.    \$2,160.00**

**Somerset Uniform & Supply Co - Fire Dept.    \$230.00 \$5,025.70**

**Sani-Kan - civic recreation    \$181.90**

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**Sani-Kan - maintenance garage    \$90.95**

**EastBay Community Action - Student Asst. Counselor    \$2,357.50**

**Cox Communications - computer    \$232.21**

**Cox Communications - Town Hall depts.    \$191.58**

**Everlasting Design - computer    \$50.00**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from**

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:44 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell**

**Town Clerk**